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From: Steve.Rose@f134.n109.z1.FIDONET.ORG (Steve Rose)
Subject: The End of Freedom
Date: 23 Nov 91 17:58:00 GMT

> CM> elaborating, yes, it has been happening. It doesn't seem to bother Steve
> CM> Rose though

Probably cause I do not agree that it has been happening. Let's get those priorities straight... You - For : I - Against ;-)

> CM> have supposedly been sighted in Maryland, Delaware and (I
> CM> think) Pennsylvania over the last year or so. I hear about people
> CM> mounting Bigfoot Expeditions, etc., in Maryland.

Hey...do you think Washington State deserves all the fun? Sure we have them... right after the annual Maryland Potomac Clam-Bake Festivals. :-)

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Subject: Re: GB UFOs
Date: 24 Nov 91 19:42:02 GMT

 * Forwarded from "UFO"
 * Originally by Bert Close
 * Originally to John Hicks
 * Originally dated 22 Nov 1991, 19:50

John,
  MUFON investigator Gary Watson authored an article in the Nov. 15 1991 issue of the Islander (Pensacola, FL) in which he describes a UFO sighting that took place on Nov. 5. Of particular interest is that this time the craft is claimed to be the same type of UFO first reported by Ed Walters and others in 1987. Photographs, one of which is shown, were taken by Patti Weatherford and Ann Morrison who used a 440 mm lens and fast action 3200 ASA film. Watson states " the configuration of "portholes" and the very bright bottom "power" light resembles the outlilne of the UFO that Ed Walters described in his best selling book "The Gulf Breeze Sightings."" The photo connected with the article shows an object that looks very much like the "bottom" of an Ed-like craft with blobs of light above it making it look "crown-like."

  Also in a letter to the editor of the Gulf Breeze Sentinel (Nov. 14, 1991 issue), Don Ware wrote of his concern about the lack of reporting of UFO activity in the Sentinel since the newspaper was purchaced by Gannett over a month ago. He states that he believes 10 November was the 103rd sighting recorded in GB in the past year. He claims "the recent photographic evidence indicates the UFOs frequenting Gulf Breeze now are type-2 craft as photographed most clearly by Frances Walters on 26 Jan. 88.

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From: Michael.Corbin@p0.f428.n104.z1.FIDONET.ORG (Michael Corbin)
Subject: Belgian UFO
Date: 25 Nov 91 06:25:00 GMT

The following report has been provided by Jean Manfroid of the Liege University and the Institute of Astrophysics. Mr. Manfroid is a subscriber to the ParaNet digest on Internet.

SCIENTISTS OF THE ASTROPHYSICAL INSTITUTE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF LIEGE COMMUNICATE THE FOLLOWING REPORT ON THE SOBEPS BOOK ABOUT BELGIAN UFOS, AND AGREE TO HAVE IT DISTRIBUTED VIA PARANET.

Belgian UFOs

SOBEPS, a Belgian association of UFO buffs has compiled and published a series of accounts of UFO sightings in the Liege area. The title is "The UFO wave over Belgium" (in French), and it is now a top selling book here. The preface is by the French CNRS scientist Petit, well-known for the fact that his scientific inspiration is due to aliens (coming from planet UMMO, 15 light years from us, as you should know). Coincidentally, Dr Petit and others are publishing at the same time books on the UMMITs.

The Belgian scientific community and specially the astronomers have followed the development of this UFO story since its beginning two years ago. The first events were reported at a time when many astronomers were busy observing several comets, among other things. Moreover, Western Europe was blessed with nice weather, so that the night sky was particularly well examined by many expert observers. A very impressive Venus hung for several months in the evening sky. There was also a rather intense activity at the local airport, with frequent AWACS patrols. And, as usual, lots of aircrafts crossed the Liege area, with, at any time, a minimum of 3 or 4 to be seen.

As always during the eastern elongations of Venus (sensibly more than for the morning elongations, like the current one), we received many calls from people excited by strange lights crossing the evening sky. When more information was asked, it almost invariably turned out to be Venus, although the Moon and halos were sometimes implied. We were also asked to examine several video tapes received by the national TV station. Again, Venus was almost always the culprit. These tapes were, as a rule, affected by very bad images, the automatic focusing being fooled by surrounding objects, or by trying to catch a point source at infinity... Nice effects were obtained with extra-focal images of the aperture stop, pulsating disks etc. We were often surprised by the descriptions given by the people who took the videos: they cited distances of 30 or 50 meters, they spoke of hanging globes, moving rapidly, following their cars etc... though their recordings showed much more benign events. Invariably, all those people were looking at the sky for the first time. This raises some doubts on the validity of occasional witnesses.

Some of these accounts, as well as others, were relayed by the media. Video tapes of aircrafts at night, showing only their lights were visible. The snowball effect rapidly developed. Witnesses appeared, reporting triangles in the sky, while frustrated astronomers, albeit logging many more hours of observations (with sophisticated equipment), continued to see satellites, meteorites, aircrafts (at times as triangles of light spots). Apparently SOBEPS accepts the fact that Belgian UFOs adopted the international conventions for the lights on their flying crafts. That three lights could form

a triangle seemed to have impressed SOBEPS analysts.
Meanwhile the public became "ripe" for a "serious"
brain-storming by SOBEPS.
Several observing campaigns were set up with many UFOs being caught.
The air force was somehow involved, with air fighters ready to
take off on short notice. One fighter caught, during a few
seconds, spurious echoes with supersonic velocities. Certainly
some atmospheric or electronic disturbance, but this was
interpreted by SOBEPS as the ultimate proof of alien visitors
(when a police radar clocked a road signal above the speed limit
some years ago, nobody thought of that interpretation). Nothing
was seen visually, which means that, though UFOs can be invisible,
they do not have the certainly much simpler stealth technology.
Again, during those campaigns, expert amateur and professional
astronomers saw no UFOs at all.

All these accounts are compiled in the biased SOBEPS book. A
typical example of the scientific philosophy of the SOBEPS can
be found in a UFO sighting during the February 90 lunar eclipse.
Hundreds of people were in the field, observing the sky, and
they saw the Moon, but also planets, stars, satellites and
aircrafts. But from inside the bathroom of a nearby house, one
person glimpsed some fast-moving light close to the Moon. She
got another brief glimpse from another window. This witness was
retained in the SOBEPS compilation. The poor folks who had
perfect observing conditions, who knew something about the sky,
and who saw a plane instead of a UFO, are not given consideration.

The photographic and video material included in the report is
very poor. After picking out aircrafts and astronomical
objects, only out-of-focus, blurred images remain. Some of them
certainly are fabricated. Most awful of all is the grotesque
cover picture. One of the strangest aspects is that, in spite
of thousands of witnesses, no clear, crisp, image has been
produced. Any other so widespread phenomenon would have resulted
in hundreds of nice photographs and kilometers of indisputable
video material.

The release of the SOBEPS report was greeted by full-page
articles in newspapers with provocative titles stating that
alien visitors are among us, and that this is now a
scienfically accepted fact. The national TV network danced to
the same tune.

We made public our concerns on the issue and a note was quickly
released to the press by 10 scientists from various
institutions. This note found some positive echoes in the media.
Our intent was to disprove the alleged implication of the
scientists in this affair (only 2 or 3 scientists are involved
in the SOBEPS activities). We have looked at the SOBEPS report,
and we found that it is in no way a scientific work. It does not
bring the tiniest bit of evidence in favor of alien visitors.
Discovering evidence of extra-terrestrial life would be a
tremendous feat in the history of mankind, but SOBEPS-like works

do nothing toward such a discovery. On the contrary, there is
some risk to bring bad publicity to serious projects like SETI.
A conclusion that might be drawn by some, is that the Belgian
UFO wave is just a well-orchestrated commercial affair, with
deliberate exploitation of human credulity.

Our general opinion is that the SOBEPS report totally lacks
scientific objectivity.

N.B. An excellent, in-depth, exhaustive, coverage of the UFO phenomenon,
had been published in early 1990, by Marc Hallet --
"Historical and scientific analysis of the UFO phenomenon" --
but in a limited number of copies. The small impact of this
serious, scientific, work, compared to the giant waves generated
by SOBEPS and other farcical compilations is frustrating.

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Date: 23 Nov 91 11:33:00 GMT

In a message to All <22 Nov 91 12:08> ncar!doc.imperial.ac.uk!a wrote:

 nc> Does anyone have any of the Ed Walters
 nc> photos on a gif file that I could view to complete the picture.

Hello, Robert! GIFs of three of the Gulf Breeze pictures are available on my
BBS and on Jim Speiser's BBS in Arizona (where I got them from). They are
scans of the photo plates in the book -- and therefore lack some detail.

They're also rather large: 450K, 250K, and about 300K. They'll take a couple
of hours to download at 2400 MNP.

I'll be installing a 9600 bps U.S. Robotics HST modem within a few days, but
unless you're similarly equipped you won't be able to use the higher speeds.

Might be less expensive to buy the book there...

Best,
  Clark

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Subject: Gulf Breeze Sentinel buy-out
Date: 25 Nov 91 22:47:43 GMT

From: Mike Dobbs <miked@hpvclmd.vcd.hp.com>

I heard that the Gulf Breeze Sentinel was recently sold to Gannett(SP?)
Publication - the large newspaper conglomerate. Apparently the owner
did not want to sell, but Gannett kept raising their offer until it
became such a ridiculously large sum that the sale finally went through.
Has anyone else heard more complete info?? John Hicks... are you listening?

I also understand that there have been 17 crop circles (some of them
Celtic cross type) which have recently appeared in Australia since it
is Spring there now. Can you confirm this Keith or Robert?

  Mike Dobbs   /   Internet: miked@vcd.hp.com

From: wrs.com!davidj
Subject: An Interesting Development ...
Date: 26 Nov 91 04:30:24 GMT

From: davidj@wrs.com (David Jones)

I thought that I would share some interesting information with you.

A week or so ago, a friend of mine spoke with Wendelle Stevens (perhaps the
premier UFO investigator of our time) at his home. At that time, Wendelle
indicated that he had a special surprise guest that would be appearing at
his International UFO Conference in Las Vegas in a few weeks. He said that it
was someone on 'the order of Bob Lazar'. Someone that had worked in/around

S4 and/or Area 51 (the infamous location of U.S. Secret Government [hereinafter USSG] testing of extraterrestrial spacecraft). He implied that this person is another 'whistleblower' (we need more!) and would blow the top off things.

This past weekend, I visited with an acquaintance. This person told me that they had recently chatted with a USSG test pilot. This test pilot worked at 'Northern Nellis Air Force base' - the location of S4, Area 51 and Groom Lake. He tested alien craft for the USSG. He said that the USSG had extraterrestrial spacecraft that were either captured, shot down or crashed. The USSG was in the process of repairing these craft and building new ones based upon the alien ones in their possession. This person is one among many USSG test pilots that fly these craft. These craft have become to be known as HPACs (Human Piloted Alien Craft). This would indicate that the vast amounts of test flights that are witnessed by hundreds in the area of Racheal Nevada are, indeed, alien craft, or models of alien craft, piloted by USSG members. The test pilot also indicated that whatever things we have already heard about what is going on at Nellis, is true, and it has already gone way beyond whatever we can imagine or what we have heard. He said that all this was 'already off the drawing boards'. Since Lazar indicated that on one occasion, he ended up losing 3 hours in one of the USSGs craft, and that this is due to time distortion (time travel), I queried my acquaintance about what could possibly be beyond faster-than-light time travel. This person stopped for a minute and told me that they had made a commitment to the test pilot not to divulge certain information. The test pilot said that there are no aliens at northern Nellis (that he was aware of), that the genetic research that the aliens are engaged in go way far beyond anything that we can conceive of and that the Greys are androids - part biological and part mechanical. Which leads one to speculate as to who, or what, is controlling them (the Greys). There was more, but ...

Anyway, I wondered if this USSG test pilot was the same one that Wendelle was going to have speak at his Conference and, as I was investigating this, I was told (and this is unverified as of yet), that when Wendelle was at the recent L.A Whole Life Expo, he was grabbed by the F.B.I. and interrogated in regards to

who and what this person from Nellis AFB was/is. I was told that the F.B.I. intimidated him (nothing new) and that as a result, that this person is deep underground and that instead of a personal appearance, as was planned, there will only be a video of something. If the USSG (aka F.B.I in this case) does not already have this information, they do now. It makes me sick to be an American when some group, like the F.B.I., does this kind of unconstitutional, unethical and immoral cover-up. But, they were the ones that confiscated the movie of the grassy knoll that shows who REALLY shot Kennedy. Oh well. One, hellava country, eh what?

There's more, but, what the hell, I'll only talk to someone from the National Reconnaissance Organization (NRO).

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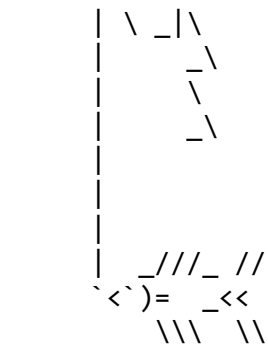

From: wrs.com!davidj
Subject: Soviet American UFO/ET Symposium
Date: 26 Nov 91 04:30:40 GMT

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Soviet American UFO/ET Symposium

Saturday, December 7, 1991

Wheeler Hall, UC Berkeley (near Telegraph and Bancroft)

A Soviet test pilot will discuss her experiences about the UFO/Extraterrestrial phenomenon with two internationally known American UFO investigators.

MARINA POPOVICH, a participant in the Soviet Cosmonaut program and retired Air Force Colonel with a Ph. D. in Technical Sciences, will speak on the mass sightings and landings of extraterrestrial craft in the territory of the USSR, statements of military personnel and her own personal experiences. She reports that since Glasnost, everybody in the USSR is talking about such events openly. Dr. Popovich has many photographs of extraterrestrial craft which will be available at the symposium.

DR. STEVEN GREER, M.D. is a practicing physician in an emergency trauma center in North Carolina and the founder of CSETI, the Center for the Study of Extraterrestrial Intelligence, a research and education organization dedicated to the understanding of extraterrestrial intelligence. He will speak on the development of bilateral and human-initiated contact - close Encounters of the 5th Kind. There will be a separate workshop offered for CE5 through CSETI.

JAMES A. HARDER, Ph. D., Professor Emeritus of Engineering, U.C. Berkeley, has pioneered in the use of hypnosis in close-encounter cases since 1962, and in the study of E.T./human interactions and their influences on the planet

earth.

Special added appearance from England - **COLIN ANDREWS:** the implications
   of the Crop Circles.

Doors open at 9:15 am. Events begin at 10:00 am and end at 9:00 pm. The final event will be a panel discussion by the ETI researchers with audience participation. Cost is $20.00. Reservations must be received by Dec 5.

Seating is limited, so please reserve your seats in advance. Priority is given to those who have paid advance reservations & who have arrived by 9:45am. Tickets will be sold at the door.Please no video/tape recording. Videos and tapes will be made available to attendees. For information, call 510 848-6043.

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Subject: Thanks Linda
Date: 27 Nov 91 04:38:35 GMT

From: Robert Trevelyan <rob@aixssc.ibm.co.uk>

Linda,
 Yes indeed I did get the cuttings you sent me.
 I have sent to you via snailmail the Doug and Dave cuttings from
 Today. It is the whole week so should give you a good idea
 of the rubbish they have come up with. Not much happenning on
 the crop circle front at present, something to do with the lack
 of crop I guess. The Ogden Object writing is indeed weird, did
 you manage to get to the bottom of that one.
 Talk to you soon and thanks again, Robert
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Subject: Aussie Circles?
Date: 27 Nov 91 05:29:03 GMT

Hello Keith,

Hope the move was successful and you're all back online now.

We've been getting some spotty reports of crop circles discovered
in Australia this spring, and I was wondering if you might update
us as to the current situation.

Thanks

-= Sheldon =-

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Subject: Re: RAF BENTWATERS/WOODBRIDGE
Date: 27 Nov 91 04:04:00 GMT

Hello James,

Looks as if you are new to Paranet - Welcome! I would be extremely

interested in seeing the file you are going to post concerning your experiences at Bentwaters.

Glad to see you speaking up. Thanks so much.

Regards,

Linda

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Subject: Weird Night On Halloween
Date: 25 Nov 91 07:45:01 GMT

> I also like your idea of putting it on FidoNet instead of a pay
> service.

I just suggested Fido since it would have the widest potential circulation. Here on ParaNet would be good too, if Mike's willing.
Otherwise......
Maybe they could just appoint (and pay, maybe) someone to participate in the various echos on behalf of the magazine. That'd be workable as long as that participation didn't get too commercial.
I just don't think there'd be enough participation to cover the costs of a pay service. Right now on issuesforum's ufo section, for instance, there's only about 10 messages.

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From: John.Hicks@f29.n363.z1.FIDONET.ORG (John Hicks)
Subject: Author
Date: 25 Nov 91 07:50:02 GMT

> What can you tell me about an author named Keith Thompson?

I saw him with Don Ecker on Larry King, and he said some good things, but of course they couldn't get into it very much in such a short show.
Anyway, he and Don appeared to agree, pretty much. Aside from that, I don't know anything about him. I'm too cheap to buy his book in hardcover unless everyone here recommends it all of a sudden.

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From: Vladimir.Godic@f7.n1040.z9.FIDONET.ORG (Vladimir Godic)
Subject: UFORA - change of address
Date: 28 Nov 91 06:40:00 GMT

UFORA has landed in Cairns, tropical Far North Queensland.
We arrived here a week ago.

We have now two divisions of UFORA - HQ and Administration (Vladimir and Pony Godic) in Cairns, and Research Division (Keith Basterfield) in Adelaide.

Our new addresses are as follows:

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PO Box 2435
CAIRNS Qld 4870
AUSTRALIA

UFORA Research Division
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MODBURY NORTH S.A. 5092
AUSTRALIA

We (HQ & Adm) are now 3800km closer to you guys in the USA.
Cairns is situated 15 degrees south of Equator, in tropical part of Queensland, so no more cold winters for us.

Regards,
Vlad

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From: Vladimir.Godic@f7.n1040.z9.FIDONET.ORG (Vladimir Godic)
Subject: UFORA moving to Cairns
Date: 28 Nov 91 06:52:00 GMT

> How much you wanna bet THE LANDING takes place in Sydney on
> November 10th, and we won't be able to get any info out of you
> guys for two weeks....
>
> Jim

Jim,
Sorry to disappoint you but no UFO landing took place in Sydney.
As a matter of fact my wife and I were looking for UFOs during our 5
day (3800km) trip from Adelaide to Cairns. Unfortunately we did not
see anything.
It's good to be back on Paranet.
Vlad

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